

REMARKS


The amendments made to the specification are the same amendments that were made to the specification pursuant to the Examiner's comments in the parent application.

A proposed drawing correction is enclosed with the changes circled in red. This drawing correction was approved in the parent application. Therefore, formal drawings including the above drawing correction are enclosed.

Independent claims 31, 55, and 58 are identical to claims 1, 25, and 28 that were amended in the parent application pursuant to an election/restriction requirement made in the Office Action mailed June 25, 2003. The dependent claims are identical to the claims that depended on the non-elected claims, except that a few additional dependent claims dependent on claim 58 have been added.

Claims 31 – 61 are believed to be patentable, and their consideration and allowance are respectfully requested. A small entity filing fee for thirty-one claims including three independent claims is enclosed. No additional fees are seen to be due. However, if additional fees are due, please charge them to deposit account No. 50-1848.

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